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- (1) EP 0 773 498
- (2) EP 0 820 004

It is noted that document (1) is a counterpart to JP 9-134261, which was cited with an English-language abstract in the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 25, 2004.

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The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

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